

## **Biography of Amy Vickers**

Amy Vickers is a nationally recognized water conservation expert and author of the award-winning *Handbook of Water Use and Conservation: Homes, Landscapes, Businesses, Industries, Farms* (WaterPlow Press, [www.waterplowpress.com](http://www.waterplowpress.com)). She is also an engineer and president of Amy Vickers & Associates, Inc. based in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Ms. Vickers began her career working for the New York and Boston water systems. She quickly became recognized on the national scene for her ground-breaking research and advocacy efforts to establish national water efficiency standards for plumbing fixtures. Her recommended standards for low-volume fixtures were adopted under the U.S. Energy Policy Act of 1992 (“EPAct”) and are now required nationwide. America will save an estimated 6 to 9 billion gallons of water a day by 2020 as a result of the EPAct fixture standards—enough to meet the water needs of more than six major U.S. cities.

Today, Ms. Vickers works on a diverse range of water policy and conservation projects with clients in the U.S., Canada and overseas. For nearly 20 years, she has traveled extensively to advise and assist over 100 water supply systems as well as government agencies, research institutions, businesses and other organizations on ways to better manage, protect, and otherwise stop wasting water. Some of her recent clients include the Arizona Governor’s Drought Task Force, Dallas Public Utilities, Orange County Utilities (Florida), and The Nature Conservancy’s Water Sustainability Certification Project.

Now in its second printing, Ms. Vickers’s highly acclaimed *Handbook of Water Use and Conservation* is known by many as “The bible of water conservation.” The American Water Works Association (AWWA) calls it “The most thorough reference ever published on water use and conservation. Everything you need to know. A gold mine of resources.” *Environmental Building News* hails it “A superb reference. Anyone working on conservation programs for governments or institutions will find it invaluable, and many others will benefit from it as well.”

In addition to her book, Ms. Vickers has published more than 50 technical papers and articles in publications that include the *Journal of the American Water Works Association* and magazines such as *Fine Homebuilding*, *Building Operating Management* and *Greenhouse Grower*. She has also contributed to books published by W.W. Norton and Scholastic.

Ms. Vickers holds an M.S. in engineering from Dartmouth College and a B.A. in philosophy from New York University.

A frequent public speaker at water conferences coast-to-coast, Amy’s ideas and observations have a growing audience that has included CNN, *The New York Times*, the White House—and even the headquarters of Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream.

Born near the shores of Lake Erie, this is Amy’s first *official* visit to the Great Lakes—one of her favorite water spots in the world.